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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Edgar Delarosa, DOB 10/02/74, of Rockford, Illinois, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 105 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Delarosa pleaded guilty to this charge on April 25, 2006.

Delarosa was arrested by the Janesville Police Department on January 5, 2006, and a loaded Smith and Wesson 9mm pistol was recovered from a car in which he had been a passenger. Delarosa fled the scene, but was subsequently apprehended. A ballistics analysis proved the Smith and Wesson had been discharged in the home of Delarosa's girlfriend in December 2005, when Delarosa was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Judge Crabb sentenced Delarosa to 105 months in prison because of his violent criminal history which includes felony convictions for armed robbery and felon in possession of a firearm, on two occasions. The Court also relied on the fact that Delarosa has also had a prior domestic abuse protection order lodged against him.

The charge against Delarosa was the result of an investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department, the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), and the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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